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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD PRESIDING

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Good morning. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the seventh day of the Ninety-Seventh Legislature, First Session. Our chaplain of the day is Pastor Glen Williamson from the Judson Baptist Church in LaVista, Nebraska, a guest of Senator Hilgert. Pastor.

PASTOR WILLIAMSON: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Pastor Williamson. We will call the Legislature to order. Members, if you would please record your presence. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Are there any corrections for the Journal?

CLERK: (Read corrections, Legislative Journal page 233.) That's the only corrections I have this morning, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you. Are there any messages, reports, or announcements?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President, a Reference report referring LB 306 through LB 400, including three constitutional amendments to the appropriate Standing Committees for confirmation (sic--public) hearings. A communication, Mr. President, from the Executive Board regarding selections to several special committees: Building Maintenance, Education Commission of the States, Midwestern Higher Education Compact, Program Evaluation. Pursuant to that action, Senator Vrtiska has been selected as Chair of Building Maintenance by the members of that committee; Senator Engel has been selected as Chair of Program Evaluation; and Retirement Systems would announce that Senator Erdman has been selected as Vice Chair of the Retirement Committee.

Mr. President, I have hearing notices from the Judiciary Committee for several different dates. I also have a hearing notice from Senator Wickersham for Thursday, January 18, those